

Atty. Dkt. No. 035451-0126 (3623.Palm)

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 2-10, 12-17, and 21 are currently being amended.

Claims 1 and 11 are cancelled without prejudice.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 2-10 and 12-24 are now pending in this application.

Allowable Subject Matter

In Section 7 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 18-20 are allowed. Applicants agree that claims 18-20 should be allowed and have left claims 18-20 unchanged.

In Section 8 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 6, 7, and 14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims. Applicants have amended independent claims 6, 7, and 14 with all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims entered to expedite allowance of the application.

Further, Applicants have also amended independent claim 21 with the limitation recited in objected to claim 14 and therefore believe that independent claim 21 as amended is also allowable. Claims originally depending from claim 1, have been amended to be dependent to allowable claim 7. Similarly, claims originally dependent on claim 11 have been amended to be dependent on allowable claim 14.

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Accordingly, Applicants believe that the claims as amended are allowable. A notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Respectfully submitted,

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